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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

July 9, 2004

Applicant(s): Kenichi TSUKANO, et al.  
Title : FILLING VALVE

Serial No. : 10/687 278                      Group: 3751  
Confirmation No.: 8965  
Filed : October 16, 2003                      Examiner: Maust  
International Application No.: -  
International Filing Date : -  
Atty. Docket No.: Aikawa C-31  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- [ ] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	(X) LG Entity	RATE	( ) SM Entity	Fee
Basic Fee				\$770.00	\$385.00	\$
Total Claims	(15 - 20 = 0)		x	\$ 18.00	x \$ 9.00	
Indep. Claims	( 3 - 3 = 0)		x	\$ 86.00	x \$ 43.00	
[ ] Multiple Dep. Claim			+	\$290.00	+	\$145.00
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$ 0.00

- [ ] Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by month(s). The extension fee is: \$.
- [ ] A Check for \$ is enclosed to cover fees.
- [X] Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional filing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 by this communication, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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#### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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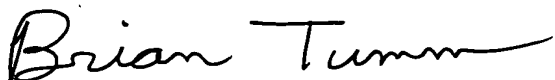
In response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2004,  
Applicants amend as follows:

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